

# Timberbank Times

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## Principal's Message

Thank you to the many parents who visited our Book Fair during the week of Parent/Teacher interviews. We value the commitment that you have to your child's education and are thankful for working with us to ensure your child's success.



We are also very pleased to say that we have had a very successful chocolate fundraiser this year. Because of your support, we are able to provide various Prologue presentations; a variety of enrichment programs for our students such as our Junior Ballroom Dancing Program; and Scientists in our Schools. We believe that these programs enhance the learning and achievement that we see from our students.

On March 5th, our Parent School Council will be hosting a "Wild, Wild, Web Workshop" on internet safety and thanks to those who have signed up to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our Social Justice project of collecting "Milk Bags for Beds" continues. We have collected so far 4500 milk bags which means that Timberbank has helped make 15 Beds. Thank you for sending in your milk bags and also thank you for sending in your many CDs and DVDs for recycling.

As you know, March marks the arrival of Spring and we are all looking forward to the good weather and more outdoor play. Don't forget to continue with our Eco-initiative of "Walking Wednesdays". It not only is good for the environment as students do not get dropped off by a vehicle, but it equally promotes healthy and active living.

Enjoy the March Break with your family and friends and we'll see you back on Monday, March 19th, 2012.

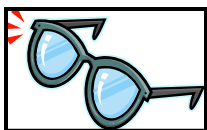
*Mrs. Anna Epitropou*

## Upcoming Dates

March 5	Vision Screening
March 5	Wild Wild Web - Internet Safety Parent Workshop 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
March 8	Junior Speech Arts Competition in the AM
March 8	Grade 1/2 classes visit Forest Valley Outdoor Education Centre
March 8	Young Women on the Move Event
March 9	Literacy Character Assembly - ON Track - AM
Mar.12-16	MARCH BREAK - no school
March 26	Area Speech Arts Competition @ North Agincourt PS - AM
March 27	IPRC Reviews/SST
April 3	Goldirocks Presentation @ Hart House for Primary Students - PM
April 5	Eco Waste Audit - AM
April 6	Good Friday - no school
April 9	Easter Monday - no school



**Vision screening: Tuesday,  
March 5th, 2012**



### **TIMBERBANK Community Spring Fair:**

*Mark the date on your calendar -*

*Saturday, June 16th from  
10 am to 2 pm - details to  
follow...*

*Our School Council is or-  
ganizing its first Spring  
Fair with many great  
events and activities for  
everyone...*



### **Athletics**

Our girls' volleyball team participated in a Conference Tournament @ Pauline Johnson on Friday, February 24th in the afternoon. They enjoyed the tournament and displayed excellent teamwork and sportsmanship.

Way to go girls: Alexandra, Anjali, Heidi, Jennifer, Joanne, Khloe, Sophia, Tracy & thanks to the Coaches: Mr. O'Connor and Ms Kwok

The boys' basketball season has also come to an end. The team participated in league play this year. They have several games throughout the month of February. They demonstrated great teamwork and sportsmanship on the court. Way to go boys!

Abbiram, Ahmed, Andrew, Avery, Nirajh, Safiullah, Taylor and Vishnu & thanks to the Coaches: Ms Keith, Mrs. Walker & Anujan

Coming soon after the March Break:

Soccer and Track for our junior students



### **ECO News**

This month, the EcoTeam learned about the things we should put in the recycling. Did you know that you can put plastic bags, take-out containers, and meat trays in the recycle? You can even put egg cartons in the green bin.

Eco tip: Wash the take-out containers before putting them in the recycle box.



By: Dolly and Enya

### **Kindergarten Registration Continues**

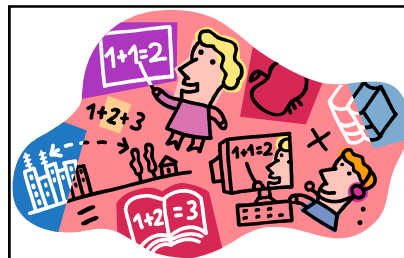
Please visit our office and bring with you:

- Proof of Age (birth certificate/passport);
- 2 pieces of identification that show your address;
- Health card; and
- immunization card (shows a list of the needles your child

### **TEACHABLE MOMENTS**

Here are some ordinary activities you can turn into fun learning opportunities with your children.

- Paying Bills: show how much things costs; explain utility companies
- Baking: read the recipe; talk about fractions
- Reading Food Labels: discuss nutrition information; read cooking instructions
- Scanning Headlines: read news stories; talk about world events
- Checking a Map: plot your route or trip; discuss geography



## Agility Challenge

At the end of January, we had IFTA once again spend a day with our students promoting agility activities in our gymnasium. A special thanks to our grade 6 helpers who helped make the day run smoothly!!

Thanks to: Andrew, Anjali, Joanne, Nirajh, Rameez, Safiullah, Sophia, Sowmiya, Taylor and Tracy



## Gentle Reminders:

- **Vehicles dropping off** students need to be mindful of the crosswalk and clearly posted signage for NO Stopping. **Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank.** Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely. Always follow the posted speed limit.
- **Electronic games/devices** should not be brought to school and cell phones, if necessary, must be turned off, and secured in your child's backpack. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- **Student Safety:** During the school day, all doors to our school are locked and we ask parents and caregivers to please enter through the front doors and remember to always check in at the office. Staff washrooms are available for adult use along with a male and female washroom in the main foyer. Please do not enter student washrooms.
- **Yard Supervision** times are 8:30 to 8:45 am / 12: 25 to 12:35 pm / 3:25 to 3:40 pm. Students should not arrive earlier unless they are taking part in a supervised event. Students who go home for lunch are asked to return no earlier than 12:30 pm.
- **Dogs:** Our children deserve to play in a clean and safe environment. **Dogs are not allowed on TDSB property at any time.**
- **Playscape:** Our playscape is a very popular place before, during, and after school. If your children are playing on the equipment before and after school, please make certain that they are being supervised.
- **Hats, water and appropriate footwear** are recommended for play and gym class. All students are asked to have a pair of indoor and outdoor shoes.



**Reminder!**

- **Flu Season** is upon us. Please take a moment to review the attached Public Health notice in this month's newsletter.



## FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

On Tuesday, February 7th, 2012, our school was filled with parents and students having fun dancing with Miss Bass-West; practicing their soccer skills with Mr. Jones, Mr. Petkovski and Miss Keith; relaxing through yoga with Mrs. Hwang-Kim; and enjoying board games in the library. Thank you to everyone who came out and we hope you had fun! We sure did! A big thanks goes out to Ms Kwok and Miss Bass-West for organizing the evening and of course, to the many staff who also helped out with the various activities.



Camp Kearney is a residential summer camp set at the scenic Scarborough Outdoor Education School, north of Huntsville and is owned and operated by the Toronto District School Board. Engaging programs accommodate campers in grades 3 through 12. All of the programs incorporate a balance of environmental ethics, wilderness experience and fun!! Camp Kearney is not only a great place to be in the summer but it can also be a life changing experience.

Some of the great in camp activities include, canoeing, kayaking, arts and crafts, high/low ropes, swimming, archery, hiking and camping! The canoe and backpacking programs teach the campers how to pack, plan and developing skills to be trippers for life. The Camp Kearney programs run for 10, 12, 21 and 23 days with camp starting on July 6, 2012. Make 2012 the summer to [Discover the Outdoors!](#) For registration and program dates please visit our website: <http://toes.tdsb.on.ca/residential/soes> (Click Summer Camp)

### Hospital Services for Children in our Community



You are welcome to participate in an open discussion about the Scarborough Hospital. The Hospital wants to hear how they can better serve the young population of children and babies.

Date: Tuesday, March 27th, 2012

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Location: Gymnasium @ Kennedy PS (20 Elmfield)

## Finally some fun in the snow...



## From the library...

March 5 - 9th is Literacy Week at Timberbank! We will be celebrating reading everyday in many ways! We would like to invite families to clean out their bookshelves and bring in their old loved books to us to trade in for new reads at our daily Book Swap! Kids and adults are welcome! We'll have tons of books for everyone to enjoy! If you don't have any books to swap, that's no problem, we'll swap you for a quarter instead!

Throughout the week, everyone who does a Just Read It! submission will have their name put in a draw for many great prizes. And speaking of prizes...Friday is our Character Parade! We will be dressing up as our favourite characters from books. Last year's winners were Geronimo Stilton and Flat Stanley. Who will this year's winners be?

Happy Reading!

